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TOPIC Soviet Troop Training Grounds of NOCHTEN near WEISSWASSER

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1. It was learned that a tank firing range ^{was} under construction in the NOCHTEN (O 52/A 73) area, in mid-November 1949. A practice range, about 7.5-miles long running northeast from BOXBERG (O 52/A 73), had been cut through the woods. Large quantities of wood, required for the construction of camouflage buildings, was cut in the area west of the BOXBERG-WEISSWASSER (O 52/A 74) road. The units located at the training grounds were allegedly changed at two-week intervals. Local residents stated that units with a total of about 100 tanks held field exercises in that area some weeks ago, while only small units are usually seen there.

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b. Observations in the area south of NOCHTEN: Several camouflaged, armored vehicles, including an SU 76 SP gun, were parked there. Four tanks with guns pointing northeast were standing near an observation tower. ^{25X1B} was parked near the tanks. A small house was under construction just south of NOCHTEN. A unit headquarters, still bivouacking in a tent, was allegedly supposed to move into the house.

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Comment:

a. According to other information, component units of the 9th Meck Pz (Cadre) and units of other divisions of the Third Gdr Meck Army (Cadre) held exercises at the WEISSWASSER-NOCHTEN troop training grounds in late October 1949.

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b. The activities observed in that area in November 1949 indicate that the troop training grounds is going to be enlarged.

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